

who recently completed time abroad as part of the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program has given more than 370,000 American students the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones in order to live and study in a different country. The travels that these young Americans have embarked on each year highlight our nation's commitment to expanding our knowledge and building relationships.

I would like to recognize the following four Fulbright recipients: Franziska Brunner, Kimberly Buice, Isaac Hopkins, and Dr. Mihai Spariosu. This past year, these four scholars lived in Austria, Laos, Canada, and Romania, respectively, studying topics ranging from literature to music.

These students teach us that instead of fearing the unknown, we should commit ourselves to seeking it out. As Fulbright Scholars, these individuals returned with a newfound appreciation for different cultures and new ideas about how we can cultivate strong ties with others all across the globe.

It is an honor to represent these bright, young scholars.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY OF HELEN S. LIU

#### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2017*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a long-time resident of my district, Mrs. Helen Liu, as she celebrates her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Mrs. Liu spends her days embodying the qualities of kindness, generosity, and selflessness, all of which have been gained after many years spent as a mother and a woman of faith. She was born August 19, 1917 in a small village outside the city of Tangshan, China. The youngest of six children—three older brothers and two older sisters—Helen found a passion in pursuing higher education in an environment that discouraged it.

After completing her exams at Shen Hung Girl's High School, Helen was accepted to two prestigious universities: Yanjing University in Beijing and Nankai University in Tianjin. In order to remain close to her family, Helen attended school in Tianjin. It was here where she later met and married her husband, Yung Kwei Lui, on April 7, 1941.

Helen and her husband raised a beautiful family of four, two sons and two daughter, one of which she currently spends her days with in the City of Montclair. In her spare time, Helen teaches bible study and the lessons she has learned throughout her long, but fulfilling life. Many of these lessons are well documented in her autobiography.

When asked her opinion of such a monumental celebration, Helen said she finds it difficult to believe that she has lived to see 100 years. She only hopes to see many more.

For her endless dedication to her family and her community, and for being an example of love and kindness, I would like to recognize Mrs. Helen Liu, proud American citizen, and wish her a very Happy Birthday.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DESIREE LANGSTON CARN

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2017*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mrs. Desiree Langston Carn, a revered member of our Toledo community. Mrs. Carn passed from this life on June 26, 2017 surrounded by her family.

Desiree Langston Carn graduated from Jesup W. Scott High School in 1973 and earned her Bachelor's Degree from the Ohio State University and a Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University in guidance and counseling.

She served the Toledo community and touched the lives of countless students as a Counselor, retiring after 34 years from the Toledo Board of Education. Her compassion, her smile, and her words of wisdom guided many young people on paths forward.

Desiree had a beautiful voice which she used in worship at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo. So special was her gift, that a citywide musical celebration was held at the church as part of her homegoing.

Desiree leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Ernest Carn, Jr., her sons Jamal and Jasyn, her five grandchildren, her mother, Elzena Langston, her brother Calvin Thompson, her sister Antoinette Langston, and many loving relatives. We offer them our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of what Desiree had meant to each of the people who shared in her life.

Psalm 59: 16-17 sings, "But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your loving kindness in the morning, For You have been my stronghold and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my strength, I will sing praises to You; For God is my stronghold, the God who shows me loving kindness." Desiree Langston Carn shared this message through her angelic voice. Now she joins the Angels in song.

Desiree led a full life and gave so much to all those who knew her. Her legacy grows in the wisdom she shared and the hope she inspired in the young people she counseled. Her voice still shines as it is carried forth.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JUDGE BEN MORALES

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2017*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Judge Alvin James "Ben" Morales, who proudly served the people of Laredo for more than 20 years.

Judge Ben Morales was born in 1950 in Taylor, Texas. He graduated from Taylor High School and joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After he was honorably discharged, Judge Morales completed his studies at Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and history.

After college, Judge Morales married Liz Gamez. They then moved to Houston where

he pursued a degree at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, graduating in 1979. After passing the bar exam Judge Morales moved his family to Laredo, where he started a career as an attorney before serving as a judge, a position he held for over twenty years.

Judge Morales was a widely respected and admired judge and individual. Among his many achievements, he launched Webb County's first-ever juvenile drug court program in 2013. He also served as a member of the American Judge's Association, as a Chairman of the Webb County Bail Bond Board, and as an Assistant Webb County Attorney. In 2014, Judge Morales retired, and he and his wife moved to Pflugerville to be closer to their daughters, friends, and extended family.

Judge Morales is survived by his loving wife Liz Morales and two daughters Marisa Morales and Raquel Leal.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize and honor Judge Morales for his years of service to the city of Laredo.

#### TRIBUTE TO LOIS HOCKABOUT

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lois Hockabout of Tabor, Iowa on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Lois was born on August 9, 1917.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Lois' life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Lois has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Lois in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Lois on reaching this incredible milestone and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

#### HONORING CYNTHIA K. DOHNER FOR 24 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

#### HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service career of Cynthia K. Dohner. Cindy served the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with distinction and honor for more than 24 years and will leave the Service on August 30, 2017.

Cindy's love of the outdoors began while fishing Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River